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PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. JENKA

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SUBJ: PRG PRESS CONFERENCE, JUNE 14, 1973

1. AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY LE DUC THO (SEPTEL) CAME THE TURN OF PRG " MINISTER OF STATE" NGUYEN VAN HIEU. A BRIEF WRITTEN STATEMENT REMINISCENT OF HIEU' S MORE POLEMICAL PRESENTATIONS AT LA CELLE ST. CLOUD WAS DISTRIBUTED, IN WHICH HIEU CONDEMNED US- GVN " DARK SCHEMES" AND ATTEMPTED TO ATTRACT VIETNAMESE " THIRD FORCE" SUPPOR T.

2. DURING A SHORT QUESTION PERIOD HIEU ASSAILED THE GVN AS A US PUPPET AND INSISTED UPON GVN RECOGNITION OF THE PRG AS A POLITICAL " REALITY". HIEU ALLEGED THAT DR. KISSINGER MADE " VERY FREE INTERPRETATION" OF THE COMMUNIQUE' S PROVISION CONCERNING CAMBODIA, IN THAT US BOMBING WAS " FLAGRANT VIOLATION" OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, HIEU DISMISSED ALLEGED REMARKS BY FONMIN LAM IMPLYING THE EXITENCE OF A TACIT US- DRV UNDERSTANDING ON THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION AS A FAMILIAR GVN ATTEMPT TO SOW DIVISIVE RUMORS.

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3. CONCERNING SCHEDULING THE NEXT SVN BILATERAL SESSION,
HIEU SAID THAT HE HAD PROPOSED TO DR. VIEN THAT THE NEXT
MEETING TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 18.
HOWEVER, VIEN HAD COUNTERED BY SUGGESTING POSTPONEMENT
UNTIL THE WEEK BEGINNING JUNE 25.
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